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I bought this book because I had a client that used the AP Style in their marketing communication and all outgoing documentation had to be reviewed using the AP Style. Being a technical writer, I had not used the AP Style before. Now I have a better understanding of why words are used the way they are in a newspaper. However, about 20% of the AP Style does not apply to technical writing.

Writers need a copy of this book because there’s no way to memorize all the rules (e.g. Most state names can abbreviated but not all; you cannot use post office abbreviation; must use Calif., not CA). I always forget the rules for numbers (when to use the symbols and when to write them out) and when to use a colon and when to use a dash. If you’re a professional writer, you need this book!

I bought this for one of my book editors at work. He liked it and referenced it often. He says he still uses it even though he’s moved on from book publishing and is in marketing now. He says it contains useful information and the book itself has held up to repeated use over the years.

I rated this five stars because I can’t imagine a serious writer failing to keep it on his shelf and referring to it frequently, now that I have it. So many of the websites I write for use the AP Stylebook for editing that I, for one, cannot afford to be without it. It came in good shape and timely manner but I doubt it will remain that way. I will wear out its pages checking up on myself.

I’m starting my third career (as a freelance editor); and this resource is the standard referred to by everyone. Great purchase, great price. (I had one concern, which this seller immediately addressed and resolved.)

This was quite helpful while taking a journalism course. It takes a few minutes to understand the layout of the book to lookup things, but once you get it, it’s easy. I think this book helped raise me a letter grade in my course. Anyone taking a journalism course with a strict professor or planning on entering journalism should get a copy. My textbook had a reference in it, but it was quite small. With the low cost of this book, you can’t go wrong. If you’re taking the course without an intent to go into journalism, check to see if you can use copies from the department first.

As a copy editor, I would be lost without the Associated Press Stylebook. It is imperative that I have access to prescribed and accepted standards for excellence in journalism, and the AP Stylebook
helps me feel confident that I am adhering to those standards every time I pick it up.

While this book is not interesting, it is very helpful in learning the AP style for writing. It has helped me a lot in my classes. I definitely recommend this book for any writer who plans on writing in the AP style. Although it isn't the newest edition, this book is great for the price because it has all the information you need to know.

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